



THE COMPTROLLER'S CORNER

Awards and TOP DOLLAR

I begin this article by congratulating the winners of the Air Force Financial Management and Comptroller and the Air Force Audit Agency Annual Awards for Fiscal Year 2000. Each of you should be extremely proud. The competition was keen and you were selected from a workforce of outstanding professionals. This edition of The Air Force Comptroller highlights the award recipients.

At the same time we recognize the award winners, we face the continuing challenge of producing equally outstanding financial managers for the future. That means providing the training and experiences needed to develop a breadth and depth of experience and also the skills to manage and lead. No other event highlights our pursuit of these objectives better than the recently completed TOP DOLLAR competition.

Teams of financial managers and contracting personnel from every Air Force command, the Air National Guard, and DFAS gathered at the Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport, Mississippi, to test their warfighting support skills. I encourage you to read Ms Lynnette Gonzales' article chronicling this capstone to literally months of training and preparation.

As we highlight this year's event and the winners of the competition, plans are already underway for the next TOP DOLLAR. The Air National Guard, with assistance from the Air Force Reserve, will host the next competition to be held in 2002. Looking toward the next event, we must ensure our efforts remain focused on providing the best financial and contracting support possible to the warfighter. More specifically, we must ensure this major training exercise keeps pace with the requirements of an Expeditionary Air Force. During the next few months we will be looking hard at the concept of operation for TOP DOLLAR to ensure our training scenarios support the way we fight. I encourage you to let your command FM know of any ideas/suggestions you may have to make this premier training even better.

I started this article by congratulating the Air Force financial management award winners. I end by congratulating our TOP DOLLAR participants and winners. Both groups have shown again, the Air Force financial management community is well prepared to support the Air Force warfighter. We must never let that change.

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